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HUNGARY

Inhabitants: 9,750,000; Yugoslav-Hungarian border: 623 kilometers

Armed Forces Under the 1947 "Peace Treaty":

65,000 in the Ground Forces (including services); 5,000 Air Force

Armed Forces on 30 October 1956 (prior to the revolution):

260,000 (excluding police)

Infantry Corps: 3

Mechanized-Armored Corps: 1

Air Divisions: 3

Danube Flotilla Command: 1

List of Soviet Forces Used for the Military Occupation of Hungary in November 1956:

17th Mechanized Division, already garrisoned in Hungary (Warsaw Pact)

2nd Mechanized Division, already garrisoned in Hungary (Warsaw Pact)

35th Mechanized Division, from KOSICE, Czechoslovakia, via MISKOLC

14th Armored Division, from the Ukraine

23d Armored Division, from the Ukraine

32nd Mechanized Division, from the Rumanian Banat

34th Mechanized Division, from the Rumanian Banat (TIMISOARA)

211th Motorized Infantry Division, from BRATISLAVA (Czechoslovakia)

Jet aircraft units of the KUNMADARAS, KECSKEMET, VESZPREM, and SZEKESFEHERVAR bases.

Note: The 21lth Motorized Infan try Division and MVD and AVH battalions sealed off the Yugoslav and Austrian borders.

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The "Military Council" of the Warsaw Pact met at LENINGRAD 6 January 1957 under the chairmanship of Marshal J. S. KONEV.. It was decided that the reorganization of the Hungarian People's Armed Forces, which had been dissolved in November 1956 under the Soviet military occupation, would begin 1 March 1957. Hungary was represented by January KADAR, Prime Minister; Istvan ANTOS, Minister of Finance; Lt Gen Geza REVESZ, the new Minister of Defense, replacing Ferenc MUNNICH; Ferenc MUNNICH, Council of Ministers; Gen K. GREBENNYIK, Soviet commander in Hungary; and officers of his staff.

It was decided that the reorganization would be assigned to the Soviet Supreme Command ("Kommandantura") in BUDAPEST, at Maksim Gorky Street, which would select the future leaders and also train the officers and noncommissioned officers of the new Hungarian Armed Forces.

Col Ferenc UGRAI, now promoted to general, was appointed Chief of Staff and Gen Pal ILKU the new head of the Political Department. Gen Sandor NAI-RADI, who had been the deputy of the former Minister of Defense Mihaly FARKAS, was recalled and made military adviser for the reorganization of the lists of officers and noncommissioned officers.

Reorganization of the Hungarian People's Armed Forces:

Ministry of Defense, BUDAPEST

General Staff of the Amred Forces, BUDAPEST

Soviet Military Inspectorate, BUDAPEST

Command of the K. VOROSHILOV Military Academy, BUDAPEST.

The K. VOROSHILOV Military Academy is for all arms and branches (Infantry, Artillery, Mechanized-Armored Troops, Engineers, Communications, Political Training, Cavalry, Missile and Atomic Warfare Training, Air Force). The instructors are Soviets.

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Command of the Air Force, BUDAPEST

Command of River Naval Forces, BUDAPEST

Military Territorial Commands, BUDAPEST, DEBRECEN, and PECS.

Up to 1956, there had been four Military Regions: BUDAPEST, SZEGED, PECS, and DEBRECEN.

Infantry Corps Commands, headquarters at the Military Territorial Commands

Command of the 10th Mechanized-Armored Corps, BUDAPEST. A similar unit was in existence even in 1956.

T/O of Infantry Corps

Infantry Divisions: 3

Heavy Artillery Brigades: 1

Engineer Brigades: 1

Communications Regiments: 1

Motor Transport Regiments: 1

Missile Battalions: 1

AA Brigades: 1

T/O of the 10th Mechanized Corps

Armored Divisions: 1

Mechanized Divisions: 2

T/O of an Infantry Division (12,000 men)

Infantry Regiments: 3

Antitank Artillery Regiments: 1

Medium-caliber Artillery Regiments: 1

Armored Regiments: 1

AA Artillery Units: 1

Engineer Battalions: 1

Communications Battalions: 1

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Artillery Technical Services Battalions: 1 Military Police Battalions: 1 Motor Transport Units: 1 T/O of an Armored Division (10,500 men) Medium Tank (T-34/85) Regiments: 3 Heavy Tank (JS-I, JS-II) Regiments: 1 Motorized Infanctry Regiments: 1 Mortar Regiments: 1 AA Artillery Regiments: 1 Rocket-Launching Battalions: 1 T/O of a Mechanized Division (13,000 men) Mechanized Regiments: 3 Heavy Tank (JS-I, JS-II) Regiments: 1 Medium Tank (T-34/85) Regiments: 1 AA Artillery Regiments: 1 Heavy Mortar Regiments: 1 Katyusha Battalions: 1. The Katyusha has eight horizontal tubes with a caliber of 132 mm mounted on a Skoda truck. There are 12 Katyusha to a battalion. T/O of an Air Division Regiments: 3

Transport Squadrons: 1

Heliocopter Sections: 1

Locations of Infantry Division Headquarters for Training Units:

SZEKESFEHERVAR, NAGYKANIZSA, SZEGED, DEBRECEN, SZOLNOK, PECS, MISKOLC, UJPEST (BUDAPEST), SZTALINVAROS.

Locations for Atomic Weapons and Missile Training:

VESZPREM, DEBRECEN, SZOLNOK

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Locations for Mechanized-Armored Troops Training:

BUDAPEST, VARPALOTA/SZEKESFEHERVAR

Headquarters for Jet Pilot Training:

KECSKEMET, SZENTKIRALYSZABADJA, KUNMADARAS

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SOVIET TROOPS NOW GARRISONED IN HUNGARY

General Headquarters

BUDAPEST

Strategic Command, Atomic Weapons and Missiles

TAPOLCA

Divisions

2nd Mechanized Division

PECS; strength, 12,850 men; covers KAPOSVAR-PECS-BAJA sector 17th Mechanized Division

SZEKESFEHERVAR; strength, 12,850 men; occupies the main centers of the BUDAPEST Military Region, particularly the administrative districts of FEJER, PEST, and HEVES.

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Command of Soviet Border Troops

NAGYKANIZSA; consists of mobile infantry battalions belonging to the 211th Motorized Infantry Division; covers GYOR-KORMEND-PECS-BAJA-SZEGED sector with headquarters in these cities. Note: Since September 1958, this unit is being replaced with new Border formations. The 5th Border District at KISKUNHALAS was also re-established at this time.

Soviet Air Divisions in Hungary

9th Tactical Air Division (9 VD-FA):

KECSKEMET

5th Tactical Air Division

SZENTKITALYSZABADJA (BALATON)

Aircraft: MIG-17, MIG-19, IL-12, LIM heli copters; each Division has 140 aircraft. Each Division has 3 air regiments, one transport unit, one heli copter unit, one radar unit, one AA artillery unit.

Soviet Troops Which Have Returned to Original Locations

32nd Mechanized Division to ARAD (Rumania)

34th Mechanized Division to TIMISOARA (Rumania)

14th Armored Division left VESZPREM for ORADEA

35th Mechanized Division to KOSICE (Czechoslovakia)

23rd Armored Division left for UZHGOROD (Ukraine).

Note: During the recent tension over BERLIN, the headquarters of the 2nd and 17th Mechanized Divisions had already received orders to leave for Poland and some of the equipment had even been loaded on railroad cars. Later, the movements were stopped.

Missiles

There are launching ramps for ICBM and ground-to-ground missiles used for training the new Hungarian Armed Forces. These installations are in the VESZPREM zone and near TAPOLCA (Lake Balaton). The missiles are of the "T-3"

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type, about 33 meters long, and equipped/atomic devices. The installations go back to April 1957 and were built by Soviet engineers under the direction of Colonels SYRODENKO and LISZKYIN.

The officers and men wear a red rectangle with gold edging on the sleeve of their uniform and thus are distinguishable from other arms.

Missiles and experimental installations for training the new Hungarian Armed Forces have been noted at SZOLNOK across the TISZA River and in the HAJDUBINAR region. The missiles are "Korolov" and "Comet" which were brought from the Ukraine border by rail in February 1957.

War Industry

LAMPAGYAR of BUDAPEST (makes infantry hand weapons under Soviet patent)

INOKA Factory of SZEKESFEHERVAR (spare parts for aircraft)

"Military Industry" of JOBAC (artillery ammunition)

CSEPEL Iron and Steel Works (BUDAPEST) (spare parts for tanks and artillery)

These factories, like all others, are under the control of Soviet civilian engineers.

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